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### Transport of prisoners by CIA is not a crime - Portuguese paper

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Transport of prisoners by CIA is not a crime - Portuguese paper

Text of article by Luis Delgado: "The CIA flights" by Portuguese newspaper Diario de Noticias website on 28 November

Due to a shortage of topics, some politicians, parties and commentators are very concerned about CIA flights coming through Portugal, and in some cases about their landing at national airports, presumably for refuelling. There are pictures, videos and an endless number of details making the story interesting. It is that time of year.

Can anyone imagine, even roughly, how many planes fly every day, at all hours, chartered by various secret services (and we are not speaking about secret polices and similar) throughout the skies, backwards and forwards? Certainly no small number - and perhaps the CIA do what the British, French, German and others' secret services do. Has anyone by any chance seen those planes transporting prisoners or members of Al-Qa'idah or other terrorist organizations. And even if they do transport them, is that a crime?

The CIA, for now, is an intelligence agency of the most democratic of all countries, where the accountability of its institutions, open or secret, is checked every day with a fine toothcomb by dozens of independent groups such as Congress, commissions and a media with unrivalled power anywhere else in the world.

It is public knowledge that many terrorist group prisoners are taken to the Guantanamo base in Cuba. It is said - but this is a different matter from the CIA flights - that they are tortured and maltreated but many opposition congressmen have visited the base and none of this was confirmed.

It is perhaps a good idea to have broader investigations in this area. But what worries some Portuguese parties, however, is whether CIA chartered planes flew over or landed in Portugal. So what? Could it be that our narrow-

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mindedness still allows us to be under the illusion that there is no constant toing and froing of civil and military planes carrying dozens of things, including agents and not prisoners every day of the year? Do the Portuguese think that there are no other means and routes for this toing and froing? For crying out loud.

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